

**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 103F, HRS**

To: Chief Procurement Officer

From: DOH/FHSD/Maternal & Child Health Branch/Women's Health Section  
*Department/Division/Agency*

Pursuant to § 103F-101(a)(4), HRS, and Chapter 3-141, HAR, the Department requests a procurement exemption to purchase the following:

Title and description of health and human service(s):

Healthy Start Initiative - Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health - Border Health

This grant is to eliminate perinatal health disparities and barriers which contribute to infant mortality and poor birth outcomes. The funding will enhance the capacity of the Waianae community's perinatal service system to address the goals of reducing ethnic, racial, and other disparities in perinatal health. This is a major focus of the federal government. Cultural integration and enhancement is a focus of this grant proposal in addressing these disparities.

Provider Name: Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center	Total Contract Funds: \$260,111	Term of Contract:
Provider Address: 86-260 Farrington Highway Waianae, HI 96792	Contract Funds per Year (as applicable). \$260,111	From: 06/01/04 To: 05/31/05

Explanation describing how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State:

This federal initiative is specific to eliminating racial, ethnic, and other disparities in perinatal health. The Native Hawaiian population by data and other documentation is identified as experiencing perinatal health disparities. Procurement by competitive means is not practicable or advantageous to the State because the WCCHC is an established organization that serves a large Native Hawaiian population on the island of Oahu and is the largest provider of health care in the area with the expertise to integrate cultural approaches with standard western care. The WCCHC has years of experience in working with the Native Hawaiian population in the Waianae community and has the existing infrastructure and support services to implement the contract. This includes an existing perinatal system with outreach and other wrap-around services that will facilitate expanding and enhancing services to a greater number of individuals and building upon cultural approaches.

It would not be advantageous for the State to solicit other vendors by competitive means because it would cost the State far more to establish a new program. With an established infrastructure and perinatal system, WCCHC will be able to operationalize the program quickly with minimal start-up costs and programmatic issues/barriers. The organization is also familiar with federal grant requirements.

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Details of the process or procedure to be followed in selecting the service provider to ensure maximum fair and open competition as practicable:

The WCCHC is located in a geographic area that serves large numbers of Native Hawaiians. Native Hawaiians have been identified as a population demonstrating significant disparities in the perinatal area. The WCCHC is a major provider of health services in the area, known to the community and utilized extensively. The Center has an established perinatal program, infrastructure to provide services, and employees who understand the cultural complexities of the community. It would be advantageous for the MCHB to contract with WCCHC in the implementation of this program as they would be able to operationalize quickly and minimize start-up issues/barriers. Further, the MCHB has already established collegial relationship with the organization which will facilitate contract management, and implementation.

A description of the state agency's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement:

The MCH Branch will develop and implement an appropriate data system to collect and analyze performance measures, outcomes, and stated goals and objectives. The MCHB will be responsible for regular site visits, monitoring of activities, and review of records, documents, and reports. An Evaluation Committee will be formed to assure the appropriate implementation in accordance with scope of services, contract requirements, and HRSA specifications. The MCHB and the community health center will work with a local advisory committee/coalition and State guidelines will be adhered to.

A list of state agency personnel, by position title, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract:

MCH Branch Chief  
Section Supervisor (Women's Health)  
RPN V  
Section Secretary  
Research Statistician IV  
PHAO III

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This exemption should be considered for list of exemptions attached to Chapter 3-141, HAR: Yes ☐ No ☐

I certify that the information provided above is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

  
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Department Head Signature

5.19.04  
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Date

 Chiyoume Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
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Director of Health  
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Position Title

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Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.

☐ Approved

☐ Denied

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*Chief Procurement Officer*

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*Date*

cc: Administrator  
State Procurement Office